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Two energy employees arrested in Hyde Park for B&E of home



Andre Williams is captured by the homeowner's door bell camera.

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Staff Reporter

Last week, two employees of the third-party energy provider Spark Energy were arrested after being observed trying to break into a Hyde Park Home.

Officers arrested Andre Williams, 21-years-old, of Hyde Park, and Ryan Williams, 49-years-old of Dorchester. Both males are charged with breaking and entering of a dwelling during the daytime and are expected to be arraigned in West

Roxbury District Court.

According to the Boston Police Department (BPD) the suspects were knocking on doors in the neighborhood around Summit Street at about 2 p.m. on Dec. 17. The victim stated that they had arrived home to see the two suspects approach his front door and ring the bell. The victim reported they stayed in their car on the street and watched as the suspects did not get an answer from the front door. The victim

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First Night and New Year's in Boston

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

New Year's is right around the corner, and some organizations are looking to help you work off those extra holiday pounds.

While First Night in Boston is going to be the big event, with the signature midnight fireworks on the harbor, the First Night Copley Countdown and the Midnight Pyrotechnics and Light Show, there are several other activities for First Night and all around Boston.

At First Night, the Handel

& Haydn Society Jubilee Day Concert will start at 1 p.m. at the Trinity Church. At the Boston Public Library McKim Building, the Greater Boston Chinese Cultural Association will be hosting several events throughout the day as well as performing at the Copley Plaza before the big ball falls. Improv Boston will also be performing periodically throughout the day at the Johnson Building of the Boston Public Library.

The City of Boston will also be hosting its own fire-

First Night

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Families in Need delivers one again



The 28th Mary Mulvey Jacobson Families in Need dinner delivery was once again successful this year.

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Staff Reporter

The Christmas delivery of turkey dinners for hundreds of families for the Mary Mulvey Jacobson Families in Need food delivery went off without a hitch last Thursday, despite a last-minute change in time.

The delivery was originally scheduled for that Friday at the West Roxbury Roche Brothers, but that didn't stop about 50 dedicated residents and Boston Police Department officers from rolling up their sleeves and pitching in. West Roxbury Business and Professional Association (WRBPA) President Jim Hennigan said they didn't want to get caught in the rain and wind that was accurately predicted for that Friday morning.

"It was pretty much at the last minute," he said. "I just knew it was the right call, because it rained when we did our deliveries at Thanksgiving, but it was only a light rain. This storm coming in was going to be crazy for people, so I called Roche Brothers early Wednesday morning and said what do you think, can we move this up? Helen Connors and worked together on the phones, sent out emails, went on Facebook, and it was just amazing. Everybody clicked right in."

With that hard work, Hennigan said only two people who had previously said yes had to cancel because of ear-



Despite a last-minute change to the date and time, about 60 residents still came out to donate their time and lifting power.

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lier plans.

In previous years, the program would provide necessities and Christmas gifts for two or three families in special need during the holiday season. Hennigan said they were able to up the ante on that score with help from businesses and local organizations.

"We're up to six families," he said. "Between the business association, Top It Off, the Stratford Street Church and the Parkway YMCA, we each did a few families. We got either clothing or toys for them."

Hennigan said the generosity of Boston residents throughout the area has been great and

now they have been able to expand the Families in Need program throughout the year, instead of just during the holidays.

"We're always accepting donations, and financial backing from people is a big help," he said. "There are different things we do throughout the year, but a lot of what we do is here at Christmas time and we always try to raise money to try to do more."

Residents Bill Smith and John McGuire said they wanted to help the community and they said they couldn't

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Starts and Stops: Housing and retail shops along Washington Street



Mayor Walsh talks with former Egleston Square Main Streets director Luis Cotto at Pikolos on July 29. John Barros, Chief of Economic development, is left.

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Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

In Jamaica Plain, from Dimock Street to Ukraine Way, concrete utility shafts, structural steel skeletons, five and six story woodframe winterized hulls and foundation holes dot the main streets.

The year also saw small projects on narrow side streets as old, familiar houses made way for contemporary style condominiums buildings.

The year also saw the opening and closing of businesses along Washington Street.

In September, developer Dave Anderson of Dorchester demolished 16 Marmion Street, a long, woodframe house built about 1890; the oldest house on this narrow street. The Boston Landmarks Commission declined a demolition delay in March. In the face of neighborhood opposition, the developer reduced the new building de-

signed by Embarc from five stories to three. The Zoning Board of Appeals deferred the project in August, but approved the square box building at its October 16 meeting.

Anderson is also building 33-35 Havorford Street, demolishing a woodframe, two-story, pre-Civil War house in the shadow of St Thomas Aquinas Church. Anderson will build two, three-story square box buildings with eight units also designed by Embarc. The units will be above parking berths.

Approved in June 2016, construction had to be carefully coordinated with 3193 Washington Street, a five story, 40-unit apartment building being built above on Washington Street by City Realty. Both share a retaining wall and City Realty is building on the property line. 3193 Washington Street started construction in August and the foundation of 33-35 Havorford has been poured.

Residential development is trying to come into the Centre Street business district. Cedar Hill Development was the first at 7 Burroughs Street behind Wonder Spice. Designed by Arthur Choo, the six-story condominium building is nearly completed.

Kenneth Zhou, who lives on Myrtle Street, wanted to be the second but was denied zoning approval on December 18. Zhou planned a three-story, eight-unit rental building with two first floor commercial spaces, one of which would be a tea garden. He would tear down a two-story house built in 1906 that Zhou has owned since 2012. It has two tenants.

Zoning board member Anthony Pisani, who rarely flashes temper, was unhappy and made a motion to deny.

"This is completely out of context," said Pisani, who is an architect. "I'm concerned

with what's happening in the neighborhood."

Despite approvals by the mayor's office and Councilor O'Malley, Zhou was voted down.

Another bouncing ball is 106 Forest Hills St. When first introduced in April, developer Alan Sharaf of Brookline proposed razing the existing old mansard house built about 1870 and replace it with a three-story, nine-unit box designed by Embarc. Sharaf bought the property on July 14, 2017 for \$1.4 million.

Caving in to considerable community complaints, Sharaf withdrew his plans at the October zoning board and requested a deferral until December. He said he would develop and add on to the existing house, but the neighbors resisted that too at a Dec 4 abutters meeting. At the December 18 zoning board date, Sharaf's attorney, Jeff Drago, asked for a third deferral to work out details of the new plans with neighbors.

ZBA chair Christine Araujo was annoyed.

"We need closure on this," she said. "This is your last deferral."

The new date is March 26, 2019; meantime the old house sits empty, hidden behind high hedges and boarded up.

Businesses opened and closed, especially in Forest Hills.

Harvest Co-Op closed on Oct 12 after a four-year run as one of the anchor tenants at 3815 Washington Street; built in 2012, the first commercial building in Forest Hills since 1928. On life support for over a year, this is the end of Harvest Co-Op in Jamaica Plain since it closed its first store at 57 South St in April 2015. On November 29, an on-line petition was began by Charis Loveland urging that Trader

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Junior Damato began servicing vehicles in 1969. He owns a 10-bay auto repair service center in Hyde Park and an 8-bay center in Middleboro. Junior is an ASE-certified Master Technician, ASE-certified L-1 and ASE-certified Natural Gas.

To the Doctor: I recently purchased a 2019 Chrysler 300S equipped with the 5.7 liter, V8 engine. I'd like your feedback regarding the Multi-Cylinder Displacement System that shuts down cylinders based on engine load. Is it a better practice to operate the vehicle in a way where the system is disabled, as I understand there are ways to do that? Does the Multi-Cylinder Displacement System cause excessive wear and premature failure of top engine components?

From the Doctor: There is no harm in cylinder deactivation – many manufactures are using it. Some owners do complain about it, as they do about transmission lock-up converters and occasional bucking.

To the Doctor: I have a 2008 Silverado V6 with 120,000 miles on the clock that hesitates slightly. MPG dropped from 16 to 13. Plugs and wires were changed at 80K, then again at 110,000, due to hesitation. When removing the iridium plugs this time, I noticed the gap was substantially larger. The new plugs help, but hesitation is still there unless I use premium fuel. This model has a "non distributor" ignition (there is no cap to change). Should I change the coil or spider injectors?

From the Doctor: The first step is to perform a full engine diagnostic series of tests and sensor values. Hesitation can be caused by any number of worn or dirty fuel-injected input sensors. It takes the entire system to function correctly. With this said, a lazy oxygen sensor, dirty mass air flow meter, low engine temperature, low fuel pressure or restricted fuel filter if external, early opening EGR valve, even carbon buildup on the valves could contribute to the problem. There could even be a small vacuum leak in the system that, like other lazy components, will not set off the "check engine" light.

Boston's own Junior Damato, "The Auto Doctor" has agreed to field auto repair questions from *Bulletin* and *Record* readers. Please forward your questions to news@bulletinnewspapers.com and we will do our best to get your questions answered.

Theodore Parker concerts returning to West Roxbury

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Theodore Parker Church in West Roxbury is picking up the concert calendar in the neighborhood for 2019, with a show set for Jan 18 at 8 p.m. as part of its Music on Centre series.

The show is part of a concept picked up by the church several years ago to help fund the church's necessities and renovations. Organizer Carol Allen said she first started doing these coffeehouse-style shows in her native Haverhill more than 30 years ago.

"So organizing this wasn't so scary for me," she said. "The New Moon Coffee House is another church concert hall and it's in its 31st season and it's been really fun."

Allen said the tradition's premiere in West Roxbury was in 2016. She was talking with her friends who said they had gone to a concert recently produced by Atwater Donnelly.

"It's an Appalachian folk husband wife duo, and they put on a great show because they play so many instruments," she said. "It's so much fun, and I loved the idea of starting with them because I knew them, and it wasn't just me saying how great they were."

On Jan. 18, the church is hosting headliner Joe Jencks and opener Samodivi. Jencks is a folk singer, formerly of the band Brother Sun, who writes about the hope and plight of blue collar workers.

"He's been around a while and I think he really became more popular, at least on the

East Coast recently," Allen said. "He's from New York I believe and he had a band with a trio of his brothers, that was called Brother Sun, and they've played together for about 10 years. I really like his songwriting, it's very positive. There's sort of a Pete Seegar feel to it in the sense that we have to protest for what we think is right and we work for what we believe in. It's very spiritual too, not in a religious sense but more like, hope. I think that's the best way to say it."

Samodivi, which is a name for wood nymphs from the South and West Slavic folklore, is a Balkan folk duo.

"She plays the marimba and she's brilliant," Allen said. "The music is intriguing. People don't really think of marimbas as Balkan. She and

her brother both play, and I first saw them when they threw a concert at Berklee, and her students were playing variations of Balkan music."

Allen said the funds from the concerts go to maintenance and necessities of the church, and it has grown to the point where it is also helping to renovate the church, little by little.

"We always have new projects, like now we're trying to make the parish hall handicapped accessible and, for right now, all the money is going towards that," she said. "It's really a nice place for a coffeehouse scene. There's a stage built right in and so we have the shows there. It's also got a kitchen so we can serve refreshments right in the building. But a

person does have to go up three stairs to get to the parish hall and the bathroom is downstairs. We're working on fixing it."

Allen said when she first came to the church with the idea of hosting live music there, the church minister Rev. Anne Bancroft was immediately receptive.

"One of her themes is reaching in and reaching out, and I thought this is a wonderful way to reach out," she said. "You open the church to the community and that's just such a nice way of giving something back and helping ourselves with great music and making a little money for the church."

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Editorial

READING, WRITING, AND BALLOT BOXES

This is the time of year when mistakes of the past are jettisoned to memory and goals for the future begin labor pains.

On a personal level, that can mean many things: losing weight, quitting smoking, and other “good for you” vice sacrifices. Local government is typically set on a similar course of fixing what failed and doubling down on optimism for the year ahead.

The big question: will hopeful plans and initiatives for 2019 come to fruition or, as so often happens, be piled onto the ever-growing scrapheap of history?

One idea that started brewing years ago but recently came to a boil once again is the idea that Boston should have an elected, not mayor-appointed, School Committee. The City Council is currently considering this move, a return to how school overseers were chosen until into the Flynn Administration.

We support this idea, but let’s nip one alleged benefit off the bud: accountability.

A driver for those who want an elected School Committee is that this change is an important way to better empower voters and ensure accountability. We disagree (although not, perhaps, vehemently) and think this argument should be met with skepticism, if not cynicism.

It is one thing for flavor-of-the-month politics and special interests, whether liberal or conservative, to pervade other aspects of the political process. It is quite another to have naive populism target how our children are educated. Any worthy school system does not and cannot change with great speed and focus only on short-term results. Decisions made today will affect students for years to come. There is no room for rabble rousing. Day-to-day decision-making is not conducive to longer range matters of education policy, logistics, and philosophy.

School Committee elections can also throw a wrench into the clockwork of reform efforts. An argument can be made that school desegregation efforts were hampered by, and reflected, what some saw as an inherent racism among voters at the time. We suggest that an electoral focus on racial issues was an misdirection from what was really at stake: the loss of true neighborhood schools.

There are similarities to current school system controversies and those that led to the shift to mayoral appointments in 1989. Among them: school closings, school choice/lotteries, transportation costs, and an overall stagnation in the metrics that measure academic improvements.

Schools are by most measures doing a better job today than they were back then, but similar problems persist.

This leads us to an important observation that fuels our support of an elected school committee. Boston voters never seem to completely and objectively hold mayors responsible for the success or failings of our schools. Education is a core platform for anyone running for that office, but a myriad of other issues seems to always bury those related matters lower and lower on the to-do list.

The idea of deemphasizing school leadership from mayoral politics might otherwise be folly, were it not for the fact that the City Council, through additional at-large members, provides a far more even-handed and democratic representation to all neighborhoods and constituencies throughout the city. Ideally, no neighborhood will be treated unfairly because of relative affluence, race, or political machinery. That is, at least, a theory we hope is eventually proven true.

At least with an elected School Board we should see a greater focus on school issues during campaigns. Those debates will also be at a higher level of detail and understanding. Elections also have the beneficial side benefit of fostering greater transparency into the inner workings of such a body.

The era of appointed school leaders has run its course without much to show for it. A change, no matter how dramatic, is warranted.

A Christmas to forget

We’ve all had our Xmases to forget: sickness, death, loss of a job, kids being bullied, divorce. The thousands of Californians who lost their homes to forest fires last month probably did not have much to cheer them this December 25, unless they relish the fact that they escaped with their lives.

For 84 families (and so many others) the Christmas of 1944 was not one to remember. The usual “M” words associated with Christmas are associated with happiness: myrrh, manger, mistletoe, Magi, and merry. But “Malmedy” is/ was not.

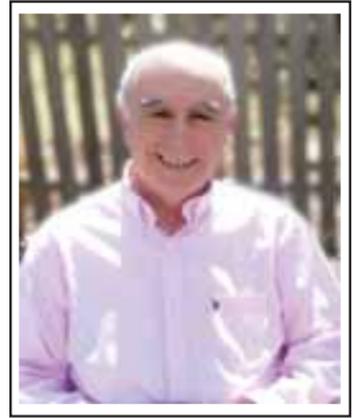
While tens of thousands of American troops—many of them seeing battle for the first time—pressed onward in unspeakable cold and against overwhelming numbers during the Battle of the Bulge, incurring a great loss of life and countless injuries including severe frostbite, seven dozen American soldiers were killed on a frozen field in Belgium after they surrendered in the Ardennes forest in Belgium, near where Luxembourg and

Germany used to intersect.

According to Articles 2, 3, and 4 of the Geneva Convention prisoners of war are to be treated humanely. The Nazi soldiers who forced a column of our GI’s to surrender were in a quandary: they were under orders themselves to continue moving but now they were encumbered by all these prisoners of war, the transport of whom would slow down movement of any type.

Whoever gave the order is still not clear but the American soldiers, herded together in a small field near the village of Malmedy, were machine-gunned down without any compassion. A few escaped, feigning death. Not surprisingly, one survivor recounted that the only words he heard over and over again were “Mom” and “God” before utter silence gripped the entire field.

History books tell us that 362 American POW soldiers were killed at the Battle of the Bulge, part of the 10,000 American GI’s killed altogether there. Some 23,000 are still listed as missing. The rest of the 80,000 casualties were, as the euphemism



My Kind of Town/ Joe Galeota

goes, the lucky ones—the wounded.

Every soldier’s family grimaced with unspeakable sadness that Christmas when a young Western Union employee or a somber military official would approach their house, but for Malmedy’s 84 loved ones the sadness would eventually become a lot worse when they became aware of, as legendary radio announcer Paul Harvey would intone, “the rest of the story.”

Can I get Medicare without claiming Social Security?

Dear Rusty: I am 63 and my full retirement age is 66 and 2 months. I want to try and hold out to 70 before I start collecting SS. My 2018 Social Security statement said I’m eligible to apply for Medicare at 65. Do I have to be receiving Social Security payments before I can be covered for Medicare? Or can I be covered beginning at 65 and not receive a Social Security check until I desire at 70? Signed: Approaching Medicare Age

Dear Approaching: You can do just as you wish - you can enroll in Medicare at age 65 without claiming Social Security until you are 70. If you wait until you are 70 to claim Social Security your benefit amount will be nearly 31% higher than it would be at your full retirement age of 66 + 2 months.

As you approach age 65 you should enroll in Medicare sometime during the 7-month window called your “initial enrollment period”, which starts 3 months before the month you turn 65 and ends 3 months after the month you turn 65. If you want your Medicare coverage to start on the first day of the month you turn 65, then you should enroll no later than one month prior to the month you turn 65; if you wait past that, the start of your Medicare coverage will be delayed. Note that while Medicare Part A (hospitalization coverage) is free for those who have earned at least 40 credits for Social Security eligibility, there is a premium for Medicare Part B (doctors and outpatient services).

The base 2019 Part B monthly premium amount is \$135.50 (may be more for higher incomes). If you are still working and have “creditable” healthcare coverage from your employer, you can choose to decline Medicare Part B coverage without risking a late enrollment penalty to get Part B after your employer coverage stops. If you want to decline Part B you can do so during the Medicare application process when you enroll in Part A.

You should also consider your prescription drug coverage needs once you’re eligible for Medicare. If you do not have “creditable” prescription drug coverage when you turn 65, you will be subject to a late enrollment penalty if you purchase a drug plan later. Although prescription drug plans are referred to as “Medicare Part D”, this coverage is purchased from private providers either as an individual plan, or as part of a Medicare Advantage (Part C) plan (VA drug coverage is also considered “creditable”).

Finally, if you aren’t collecting Social Security when you enroll in Medicare Part B, you will need to make separate arrangements to pay the Part B premium. This is quite easy to do in any of the following ways:

* Use your bank’s auto-pay



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function to automatically send payments to Medicare.

* Use Medicare’s Easy-Pay option to have them automatically debit your bank account.

* Pay by check or money order via US Mail, using payment coupons Medicare will provide.

* Pay by credit card, using the payment coupons Medicare provides (enter card info on the coupon and mail to Medicare).

I suggest that as you approach age 65 you consider contacting a licensed Medicare insurance agent to explore your options for covering the medical expenses, which Medicare Parts A and B do not cover. A licensed Medicare Insurance agent can also help ensure you have prescription coverage.

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Allston / Brighton Mobility study hires consultants

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) announced recently that it is moving forward with its Allston Brighton Mobility Study in 2019.

The BPDA announced that the study, among other things, will be moving forward with more community meetings and outreach in late January or early February of 2019, as well as continuing its current operations. The BPDA is conducting the study with the MBTA, the Boston Transportation Department and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

Most recently, the project has hired a consultant group, Kittelson and Associates, to help the progress of the study. Kittelson was one of six applicants for the post, and is currently reviewing existing plans and projects in the neighborhood as well as community input. The BPDA stated that Kittelson is now compiling existing data such as traffic, pedestrian, and bicycle counts to get an idea of the current transportation conditions in the neighborhoods.

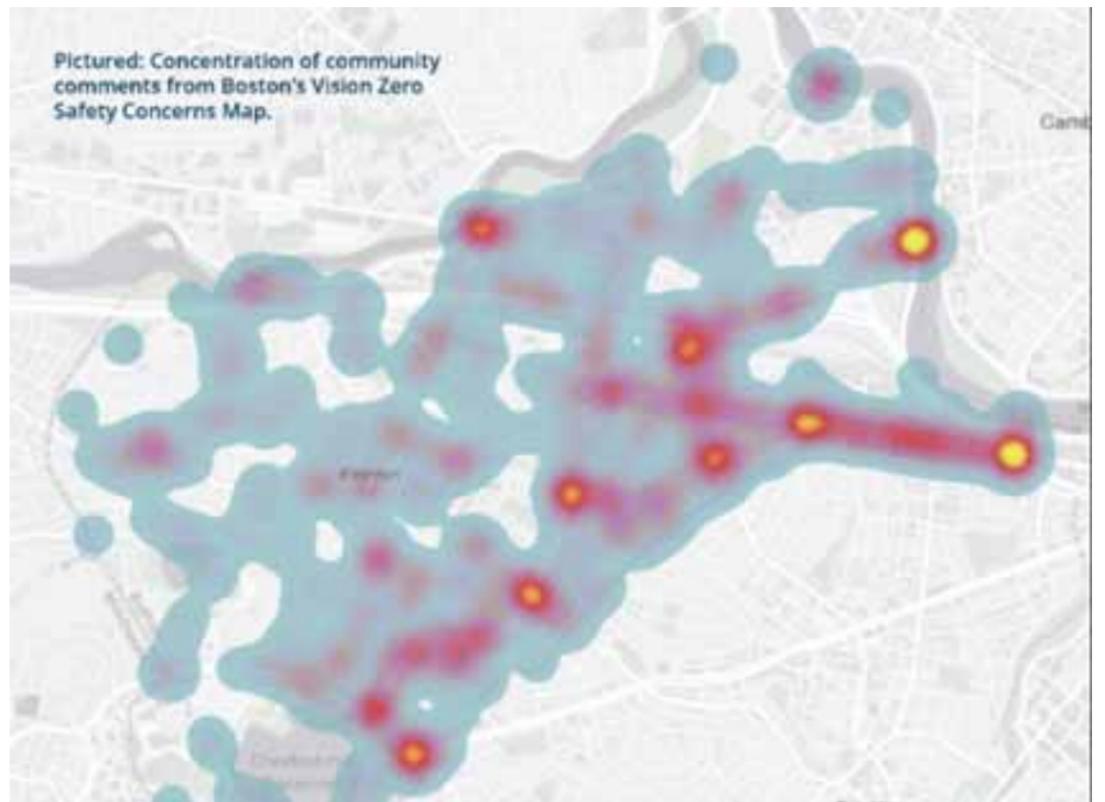
On the city's side of the study, the team is working to compile a series of heat maps

to determine the highest levels of conflict in the neighborhoods. Once the background data has been fully compiled, the team is looking to conduct more meetings with the community.

Until those meetings, the BPDA has announced that it is working with the developers at 15-35 Washington St. to improve the public realm, bike infrastructure, and transit access as part of the developer's community benefits agreement. The project is not yet BPDA Board approved, but as now planned would include keeping the existing Whole Foods, adding a cafe, 270 residential units, 172 new parking spaces (a total of 323 spaces) and 270 cover bike spaces.

The project is proposed to provide a more pedestrian-friendly environment through streetscape improvements and provide improvements to three adjacent streets. The adjustment of nearby signal timing modifications as well as the inclusion of Complete Street guidelines are also included in the plan.

Just concluding now in the Allston Brighton neighborhood is the pilot test program for Transit Signal Priority (TSP) on the Green Line. Currently, there are two pilot programs for the



Work is continuing on the Allston Brighton Mobility Study, mainly in the form of compiling data.

COURTESY PHOTO

Green Line on lines B and E for Transit Signal Priority (TSP). TSP basically means that when a trolley car is moving through an intersection, it will experience shorter red lights or longer greens to allow for more efficient travel.

It is expected that after modeling for TSP on the Green Line, the MBTA will be looking into how to do it for the

MBTA Bus Lines, which is much more difficult. The MBTA has to take into account how each lengthening or shortening of a signal at a main intersection could affect the street traffic on the side streets.

The BPDA also stated it has successfully agreed with Herb Chambers' company that the new Jaguar Range Rover Dealership approved in the spring

would require that the dealership provide maintenance for its portion of Commonwealth Avenue median greenspace on both sides of the street for 25 years.

For more updates on the study and where and when the next meeting will be, go to bostonplans.org/planning/planning-initiatives/allston-brighton-mobility-study

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works celebration produced by the Mugar Foundation at 7 p.m. directly following the Frog Pong Skating Spectacular, which starts at 5:30 p.m. and will be put on by the Skating Club of Boston, which will be moving from Allston to Norwood in the next few years.

Elsewhere on Dec. 31, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. the Boston Harbor Photo Gallery will be opening at Moakley Courthouse. From 11 a.m.-12 p.m. there will be the Historic Harbor Map Tour with Harvard Professor Alex Krieger in the at the Boston Harbor Hotel. From 1p.m.-4 p.m. there will be an Ice Sculpture Stroll through 17 locations of sculptures and activities along the North End, Downtown, and Seaport Waterfronts (find a list of locations and walking map at www.bostonharbornow.org/nye/#icesculpture)

From 1 pm.-2 p.m. there will be a Wharf District Harborwalk Tour and from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. there will be a First Responder Touch-a-Truck/Boat at the Envoy Hotel in Seaport.

Starting at 12 p.m. on Jan. 1, there will be a First Day Hike from the Old



Thousands of Boston residents and beyond will head out to the streets to help ring in the New Year.

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North Church in the North End to the Bunker Hill Monument in Charlestown. The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will also be hosting a First Day Hike through the Blue Hills Reservation at 840 Hillside St. in Milton. Starting at noon, meet Blue Hills live wildlife at Houghton's Pond with the Mass Audubon staff, purchase a hot beverage and assorted snacks from Venture Scouting or the Houghton's Pond Concession and share some New Year's cheer around the warming fire. DCR rangers will lead three easy to challenging hikes at

1 pm for a one to two hour scenic trek in the great outdoors. Choose the hike to suit your interest and ability, including a stroll around Houghton's Pond for families with young children.

And no New Year would be complete in Boston without the L Street Brownies. They will be hosting their annual plunge into the cold, cold water of Carson Beach at 9 a.m. sharp. The plunge is hosted by the L Street Brownies at the BCYF Curley Community Center, 1663 Columbia Road in South Boston, "M" Street entrance.

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reported the two suspects moved to the side entrance of the residence, again knocking on the door and ringing the door bell.

The victim stated at this time they saw the suspects gain entry into the enclosed sun room on the side of the house through its door. The victim said he exited his car and caught the attention of the suspects. The victim stated the two suspects immediately asked for the victims energy bill information and the account number associated with the house. The victim added that while speaking to the suspect, they observed the garage door to be partially open as well. The suspects reportedly left the residence and proceeded to other residences before police stopped them and took them into custody.

Spark Energy is an electricity provider in Boston and has come under scrutiny before. Third-party energy providers like Spark Energy have been accused in the past of questionable tactics to get residents to change providers. Many Boston residents have reported that similar companies have had door-to-door salespeople come to their residences and immediately ask for billing information and their account numbers. Many residents have reported doing so – under the mistaken assumption they are from one of the public utilities regulated by the state that actually transmit the power – and one month later find they have been switched to another provider without their knowledge.

Earlier this year, Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey called for a complete shut down of the individual residential competitive supply industry – the door-to-door salespeople portion of the electric companies' sales tactics – because of complaints against said third-party energy providers.

"Competitive electric suppliers promise big energy savings but are actually burdening customers with hundreds of dollars in extra costs," said AG Healey at the time. "In two years, Massachusetts residents lost over \$176 million to these predatory companies. I'm calling for an end to this industry because that's the best way to protect our seniors, low-income residents, and minority communities from these persistent scams."

According to Healey, almost 500,000 residents in the state have switched from a competitive supplier like National Grid or Eversource, but found that 36 percent of those who switched were low-income households, and the report suggested that those companies were targeting low-income households. The BPD and the Quincy Police Department have issued warnings to residents in the past at neighborhood meetings and online.

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A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION: THE POWER OF PUBLIC MONUMENTS & WHY THEY MATTER

Wednesday, January 9th @ 6:30pm, Tremont Temple, Boston On Wednesday, January 9th, the National Parks Service, Friends of the Public Garden, City of Boston, and Museum of African American History will host A Community Conversation: The Power of Public Monuments & Why They Matter with an introduction by Karen Holmes Ward and featuring moderator Beverly Morgan-Welch (National Museum of African American History and Culture) and panelists DeRay McKessen (Black Lives Matter activist and author), Renee Ater (American Public Art historian), and F. Sheffield Hale (President and CEO, Atlanta History Center).

The Shaw 54th Memorial on the Boston Common has been called “one of the monu-

ments that changed America.” More than 120 years old, the Memorial is positioned strategically on Boston Common opposite the Massachusetts State House. This conversation will deepen the community’s dialogue about race, freedom, and justice and raise awareness of the significance of the memorial and the story it tells.

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WHEN: December 26 - 29, 2018 from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

TICKETS: For ticket information, visit www.franklinparkzoo.org.

FREE ADMISSION

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, admission to Franklin Park Zoo is free. WHAT: In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Franklin Park Zoo will offer free admission on Monday, Jan. 14, 2019. At Franklin Park Zoo, guests are invited to write messages of hope and peace on the mural that will be located within the Tropical Forest Pavilion. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend a memorable day with family and friends while learning about fascinating wildlife from all over the world.

WHEN: January 14, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Please note: Last admission will be at 3:30 p.m.

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ALLSTON / BRIGHTON

BRIGHTON ALLSTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY’S 2019 HISTORICAL CALENDAR

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ton St. Brighton Locksmith & Hardware Shop =383 Washington St Brighton Allston Heritage Museum = 20 Chestnut Hill Avenue St. Columbkille Rectory= 321 Market St. In addition, in front of the Brighton Post Office, Members of the Board will sell the calendars every Saturday morning between 11:15 AM and 12:15 PM

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Friends of the Brighton Branch Library, Friday, January 11, 2019, Saturday, January 12, 2019 @ 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

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Thursday, January 24, 2019, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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A book discussion group meets at the Brighton Library/40 Academy Hill Road (617) 782-6032 on the last Wednesday of each month at 11:15 am. The featured selection for December 26th will be Charming Billy by Alice McDermott. Copies of the book are available at the branch. Everyone is invited and new members are welcome.

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ZBA approves Tony's Meat Market addition

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) approved a two-unit addition to Tony's Meat Market in Roslindale.

The two new units for Tony's would be stacked above the meat market – much like the former site of the market in Roslindale Square – at the location of 4381 Washington St. The new addition would include two more stories on the building for each unit.

Anthony DeBenedictis' wife, Deborah, and the two's attorney Charles Tevnan were asking for variances on the build, which included the extension of a local nonconforming retail use, insufficient parking, insufficient lot area for each additional unit, excessive floor-to-area ratio, excessive number of stories, insufficient open space for each unit and insufficient front/side/rear yard,

Each unit would have about 1,500 square feet each, and Tevnan said despite having a parking violation, there is currently a driveway that could accommodate two ve-

hicles in tandem parking. The Boston Zoning Code does not recognize tandem spaces as spaces, hence the violation, as the code requires three parking spaces.

Tevnan said the two new units would allow the DeBenedictis family to further improve the area, as he said he felt they have already done.

"This property was substantially rehabbed in the last few years when Tony's Market, which is an institution and has been in Roslindale for 50 years, moved to this location," Tevnan said. "They invested approximately \$750,000 already into what was a dilapidated single-story commercial building."

Tevnan added that one of the two new units would be the home of Anthony and Deborah DeBenedictis. He said they have several letters and signatures of support from the neighborhood.

Roslindale Representative for the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services Joe Coppinger said the Mayor's Office was in full support of the proposal.

"We held an abutters meet-

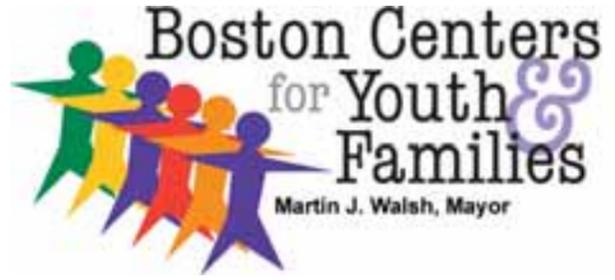
ing back on Oct. 2, and this received overwhelming support from the neighborhood," Coppinger said. "I've received over 100 signatures from people in Roslindale, West Roxbury and Jamaica Plain. There was one concern about the property being built up near the house next to it, as the designs show it could possibly block two windows of the direct abutter, and we would ask that it maybe go into design review."

Roslindale resident Coriander Sippen also spoke in favor of the proposal, but listed a few concerns she and her neighbors have on the project.

"There is no setback at all between our property and where they're going to build up," she said. "It's going to go up to cover two-thirds of the house next door, so one of our concerns is that we're going to need a structural engineer to sign off that their new building is not going to impact the structural soundness of our building because it's going to be physically connected."

Sippen added she doesn't want her windows covered so as to block all the natural light.

Join the "L Street Brownies" for the Annual New Year's Day Plunge



On Tuesday, January 1, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., one of Boston's oldest traditions will continue with an estimated 600 people plunging into Boston Harbor for the annual "L Street Brownies" New Year's Day Plunge.

The plunge is hosted by the L Street Brownies at the BCYF Curley Community Center, 1663 Columbia Road in South Boston, "M" Street entrance. Due to the tide schedule, it will start at 9:00 a.m. Other information you should know:

- * Doors open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 10:30 a.m.;
- * Participants should arrive dressed for the water as the men's and women's locker and shower rooms will not be available until after;
- * Water shoes are suggested due to shells and rocks left by the tide;
- * Pets are not allowed, please leave your furry friends at home;
- * There is no need to pre-register. You will be asked to fill out a short form when you arrive;
- * Lifeguards will be on duty;
- * Participants must be age 16 and older.

This event has taken place for over 100 years. The Brownies are the oldest "polar bear" club in America. The Brownies promote health, fun and friendship. Each year, the plunge is dedicated to past and recently deceased Brownies. Spectators are welcome and creative costumes are encouraged.



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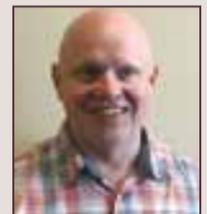
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Deaths

HAMMAN

Ann M. (McPherson) Life-long resident of Roslindale passed away on December 18, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Edward H. Hamman. Devoted mother of Donna Hamman of Norton, Edward Hamman Jr. of Norton, Denise Hamman of Dedham, and Michael Hamman of Roslindale. Loving grandmother of Phillip Hamman and Ethan Hamman. Sister of Jean Cabelus and Margaret McPherson, both of Revere and Theresa Monestime of CA. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Ann enjoyed working as a CNA at Deutsches Altenheim, West Roxbury for many years before retiring to care for her husband at home. A funeral from the funeral home was held on Monday, December 24th, followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Anne's Church, Readville. Interment Gardens Cemetery, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ann's memory to , 309 Waverley Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452. For guestbook www.gormleyfuneral.com P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons West Roxbury 617-325-2000

LEMA

Michael T. Of Hyde Park, passed peacefully on Dec. 17th, at the age of 66. Beloved husband of Mary C. (Henderson) of 36 years. Devoted father of Matthew and Catherine Lema both of Hyde Park. Cherished

brother of Stephen of Taunton and the late John. Loving grandpa of Amina; and also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Pius X Church, Milton. Interment will be private at family's request. For guestbook, please visit thomasfuneralhomes.com

O'DONNELL

Terrence P. Of West Roxbury, Dec. 18th 2018. Beloved husband of Meredith A. (Sullivan). Loving brother of Patricia Labreque of Danvers, Gregory O'Donnell of Somerset and Susan Allsopp of Brockton. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins. Late USAF Veteran and member of the American Legion Post #76, Jamaica Plain. Interment will be held at the Mass. National Cemetery, Bourne, at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to New England Center and Home for Veterans, 17 Court St., Boston, MA 02108. For guestbook www.gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service (617) 323-8600

PALOMBI

Mario L. Of Hyde Park, formerly of Readville. Entered into rest December 17, 2018. Beloved brother of Rosa and Doris "Lena" Palombi of Hyde Park and the late Anthony, John, Enzo, Joseph Palombi and Margaret DiGironimo. Also survived by many nieces,

nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. Interment in Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton. Late Korean War Veteran. In lieu of flowers, Mario may be remembered through , P. O. Box 1893, Memphis, TN 38101-9950. Guest book at www.josephussfuneralhome.com

ROACHE



Theresa M. "Terry" Longtime resident of Roslindale formerly of South Boston, December 17, 2018. Beloved wife of Joseph F. Roache. Devoted mother of Nancy Feeley and her husband Paul of Melrose, Patricia Roache of Wakefield, Carol Laurino and her husband Paul of Dedham and the late Joseph "Joey" Roache, Jr. Loving Nana of Alison, Jenifer, and Charlene Feeley, Mathew Roache, and Alec and Connor Laurino. Sister of Eileen Page of NH and Donald O'Keefe of CA. Also survived by several nieces and nephews and her

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think of a more deserving cause.

"It's a great freaking thing to do and who else would do it?" Smith said. "We've done it a few times in the past and it's just great."

McGuire said helping out those around the neighborhood who need it is just a part of civic duty, in his opinion.

"Some people need a little help and that's why we're both

here," he said. "I've been doing it for a few years and I do it for the church as well."

West Roxbury Roslindale Kiwanis President John Sullivan said he's been doing it for decades.

"Since Mary started it, I've been doing this my whole life really," he said. "Mary at one point took over the Rotary Club's responsibilities and I helped her there too. We've

now teamed up with the Y, and I can't even remember the last time I haven't done it. I just want to help people, I'm lucky you know? I want to give back."

Several members of Jacobson's family also attended the event and took part. Her nephew Aidan Kelly said he was proud to continue the family tradition.

"I go to St. Joseph's prep in Brighton, and they're based around service so it was just a no brainer," he said. "I haven't seen anything like this before. Mary was based on service and giving back to the community and I just followed her path, what she stood for and I try to incorporate that into my day-to-day life."

Jacobson's niece Meaghan Mulvey said, "It's just awesome, and it's outstanding how many turkeys there are to lift and how many people come to help." She also added it was quite a workout. "For the Thanksgiving delivery, the next morning I was very sore."

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close friend Ann McNeil of West Roxbury. Longtime teachers aid for the Boston Public Schools. A funeral mass was held on Friday, December 21st at Holy Name Lower Church. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Theresa's memory to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452 or to Seasons Hospice Milton, 597 Randolph Ave., Milton, MA 02186. For guestbook pemurrayfuneral.com. P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins George F. Doherty & Sons West Roxbury 617 325 2000

SCHLOSSBERG

Carl December 5, 2018, age 76, of West Roxbury, MA, formerly of Newton, MA, and Brookline, MA. Much beloved husband of the late Suzanne Schlossberg for 52 years. Dearest father of Evan Schlossberg and his wife Erin of W. Roxbury and the late Eric Schlossberg of Santa Cruz, CA. Cherished grandfather

Louis Schlossberg. Treasured and adored friend of Barbara & the late Rabbi Dan Kaplan, Sondra Lisson & Dennis Manitsas, Laurie & Howard Abel, Bob Stearns & Barbara Passman, and many others. Graduate of University of Rochester, with a Master's degree in Mathematics from Northeastern University. Carl was a consummate caretaker whose first priority was always the welfare of others. He took great efforts to provide for his family, was a conscientious and active parent, and never left the bedside of his wife Suzanne as he cared for her through her final years. As a licensed Funeral Director, he helped thousands of families in their time of need. His devotion to others and his kindness will always be remembered. Funeral Services private. Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home www.lawlerfuneralhome.com 617-323-5600

SWENSON

John Edward "Ed" Of Roslindale, December 18, 2018. Beloved husband of the late Patricia A. (Kelleher). Lov-

ing father of Joanne Swenson of Walpole; James Swenson of Clarksville, MD; Richard Swenson of Riverton, CT; Paula Beaulac of Boylston and Eileen Fitzgerald of Leicester. Ed is also survived by 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother George Swenson of Wallingford, CT and his 4 nephews. Interment private. Ed was a proud member of the Am Vets, The Boston Emerald Society and the Boston Lodge of Elks # 10. In lieu of flowers, donations in Ed's memory may be made to Autism Speaks Inc., 85 Devonshire Street, Boston, MA 02135, autismspeaks.org. For guestbook, please visit: gormleyfuneral.com William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600

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May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day. By the 9th day your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you St. Jude. My Prayers were answered. In gratitude for helping me. —I.H.

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City Council looks to erase systemic bias in public office

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston City Council voted last week to call a hearing regarding the establishment of an independent commission on Equal Opportunity and the Elimination of Systemic Bias in the Workplace.

The call for a hearing, brought forward by District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards and At-Large City Councilor Ayanna Pressley, was part of the follow up from a report last year that detailed only 16 women working in the Boston Fire Department (BFD), and she said the problem spans much deeper in the city's de-

partments.

"There is a point where you start to see that the issue is not between two employees or having to do with the specific administration, it has to do with the system," she said. "It has to do with the inherited issues of racism and sexism and the ways we have struggled as a city with those issues and how they are reflected, unfortunately, in some of our city departments... So instead of dealing with the fact that we are eventually going to get a report assessing what's going on, and instead of just talking about the BFD as the issue that should be resolved, I think we need to talk about how we deal

with independent investigations."

The impetus for the creation of an independent commission came after it was discovered that not only had the BFD have only 16 women working for them as firefighters, several former and current female firefighters said issues of discrimination were much deeper than many might think. An interview with two female firefighter retirees found that issues of harassment, discrimination and sexism were rampant in the department.

Edwards said the city did respond to the specific issue, and said that the \$500,000 set aside to look into that specific issue is not enough to fix the problem inherent in the system. She said the other portion of the city's response was to have a report written regarding the city's hiring standards and how employees are staying on throughout its departments, and recommendations for the city in the future to avoid bias in said hiring practices.

Edwards also questioned whether those same lawyers hired on retainer by the City of Boston to defend the BFD and other departments can

hold trust in the eyes of the residents that those new standards recommended in that report are actually helpful. She said this is why she supports the establishment of a new independent body for these types of reviews.

"Why put any attorney in that position?" she asked. "I would struggle with that as an attorney, if I provided legal services for years and turned around and had to investigate my colleagues and people I've worked with and to do that in an independent way."

She said that as a defense attorney for the city, she believes the eventual report will be comprehensive and thorough, and it will not recommend any courses of action that could conceivably put the city in legal liability.

"You won't do that as a defense attorney, but as an independent investigation you should not have to worry about that," she said. "You should be out there saying everything, good, bad whatever liability it results in. My concern is that we're not going to get that. My other concern is that this is the fourth report about this particular agency. The fact that you've had so many reports about the systemic biases within an

agency means despite the reports and this knowledge, things are not happening. Who do you hold accountable for that not happening?"

At-Large City Councilor Ayanna Pressley said the systemic bias in hiring practices and keeping persons of color on the payroll is a problem in all departments, and she said she supported this measure to standardize and codify a system that builds trust and institutionalizes integrity of the process.

"The creation of a commission on Equal Opportunity and the Elimination of Systemic Bias in the Workplace is one step in creating a safe and inclusive work environment for every one of our employees," she said. "We could be a model for the country, truly."

Pressley said an independent commission would allow victims of workplace harassment and abuse a way to air their grievances, be heard and receive justice.

"A commission would create a dedicated avenue for people to share their experiences, to learn about their options and for us to address these things in the light of day and begin to strengthen and restore trust in our processes and our system," she said.



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Meet at the Houghton's Pond parking lot at 840 Hillside Street in Milton. Take exit 3 off route 93 and follow First Day signs. Arrive extra early as parking is limited.

Are you looking to get out to stretch your legs on New Year's Day? Join the DCR Park Rangers and the Blue Hills Trailside Museum staff for a First Day Hike through the Blue Hills Reservation. Starting at noon till 1 pm, meet Blue Hills live wildlife at Houghton's Pond with the Mass Audubon staff, purchase a hot beverage and assorted snacks from Venture Scouting or the Houghton's Pond Concession and share some New Year's cheer around the warming fire. DCR rangers will lead three easy to challenging hikes at 1:00 pm for a one to two hour scenic trek in the great outdoors. Choose the hike to suit your interest and ability, including a stroll around Houghton's Pond for families with young children.

Dress warmly, in layers and wear sturdy hiking boots for all walks. Meet at the Houghton's Pond parking lot at 840 Hillside Street in Milton. Take Exit 3 off Route 93 and follow the signs to First Day.

Note: This is a very popular annual tradition and parking is limited. Arrive extra early if you want to join the fun! For more information and weather updates, call (617) 698-1802, ext.4.

Program will be canceled for inclement weather.

Letters to the Editor

NEW SWBCDC DIRECTOR INTRODUCES HERSELF TO COMMUNITY

Dear friends,

My name is Jeanne DuBois, and I am writing this letter to introduce myself as the new Interim Executive Director at Southwest Boston CDC and give you the opportunity to add to your year-end non-profit donations or get a major 50% 2018 Tax Deduction from the State of Massachusetts through the Community Investment Tax Credit.

I have lived in Roslindale and worshiped in Hyde Park for over 35 years, and it has been my family's home. I am pleased to join Board President Mimi Turchinetz and the whole board as we build for the future.

For many years as Executive Director at Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corp, and in the Fairmount Indigo Line CDC Collaborative and Fairmount Indigo Network, I saw great efforts and the challenges at SWBCDC. At Dorchester Bay, we had success building over 1300 working people's homes—both rental and home ownership—and helped to grow the local economy by >1200 jobs. The key to success and local resident happiness was regular engagement and organizing people and money before, during, and after development.

Haven't you all become more and more concerned about the displacement of your own friends and families leaving Roslindale and Hyde Park due to spiraling rents and home prices? In a recent Roslindale meeting, SWBCDC expressed interest in helping make more housing affordable to working people. In many neighborhoods the CDCs have helped local people stay in their communities.

I was delighted to attend SWBCDC's ribbon cutting for the beautiful 27 mixed-income Residences at Fairmount Station last month. In addition, SWBCDC's ongoing commitment to the celebrated Green Team Program has set a new model for the city. Last September's POHWER event at the Doyle Playground unveiled 10,000 sf of healthy green space and set higher standards to upgrade and expand what had been an eyesore. Residents of different incomes and neighbors will benefit from the beautiful apartments, and everyone can enjoy a high quality park along the river and a future walking-biking path. Many new leaders have emerged.

Many of you have supported SWBCDC in the past two years. We hope all donors can support SWBCDC at any level before 12/31/18. If you are able, we again ask you to consider a Community Investment Tax Credit donation of \$1000-\$5000, which will give you a 50% state tax credit plus a 35% non-profit donation on your federal taxes. If you want to get the deduction on your 2018 tax returns, the State 50% Community Investment Tax Credit will only be available if you submit your on-line credit card donation or call and deliver your check so it is in hand at SWBCDC by Dec. 31, 2018. Thank you for your ongoing support; please send your donation.

Sincerely,
Jeanne DuBois,

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Joe's move into the Harvest space; more than 500 people signed on.

In the same block at 54 Hyde Park Avenue, a medical marijuana dispensary is planned to open in May 2019. After a series of neighborhood meetings in May and September 2017, the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council voted not to oppose it on Sept. 18, 2017. Operated by Apothca, based in Hollywood Florida, it received zoning approval on December 11 with the proviso that it only sell medicinal cannabis. Apothca signed a Host Community Agreement on October 19 with the new City Office of Emerging Industries which, among other stipulations, agreed to quarterly payments equal to 3 percent of gross sales revenue.

Two new businesses opened in other City Realty-owned buildings this year.

Santia's Bakery at 3381 Washington Street will greet everyone's sweet tooth from Stonybrook to Egleston Square. Russelly Pimental Bello opened Santia's in October.

It's the third bakery in JP, joining Blue Frog on Green Street and Gondres on Centre St (opposite Mozart Playground). Santia's fills a neighborhood void; the popular Canto 6 bakery at 3346 Washington St closed in July 2016.

At 3160 Washington Street, in a block City Realty bought at a street auction in April 2014, Pikolo Dominican Empanadas and Sandwiches

opened a second JP location in June, managed by Yancario Fernandez. It replaced Pin Bochinche Restaurant. Egleston Square Main Streets raised funds and commissioned artist Betsy Casanas to paint a mural on the Chilcott Place wall of Pikolo completed July 3.

On his annual visit to Egleston Square, Mayor Walsh stopped by Pikolo on July 29.

A shock to many was the abrupt closing on the eve of St Patrick's Day of The Gate at 3171 Washington Street. Paul Byrne opened his Irish pub with great enthusiasm and public appreciation on May 4

2017. In November it was put on the market, together with two newly renovated upstairs apartments, for \$1.89 million.

Sensing an opportunity with the demand for an off-leash dog run in the SWC Park above Green Street, Dinyee Boose opened Brookside Walk and Train School at 3389 Washington Street on Oct 1. It advertises itself as a training day school for dogs with structured walks. Brookside will presumably draw customers from some who moved into one of the 21 new apartments above the school, opened earlier this year by Boston Property Development.

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Community Meeting

The Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee

Monday, January 7
6:00 PM - 7:45 PM

980 Harrison Ave
Boston Water and Sewer, 2nd Floor Training Room
Roxbury, MA 02119

Event Description

The Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee (RSMPOC) was developed to oversee projects that fall under the Roxbury Strategic Master Plan. Since the 2016 launch of PLAN: Dudley Square, RSMPOC meetings also include progress reports on that initiative. All meetings are open to the public and community input is desired. RSMPOC meetings are held in the evening the first Monday of the month at the Boston Water & Sewer Commission (BWSC) in the 2nd Floor Training Room. Free parking is available in the BWSC parking lot.

Please come join your neighbors and the City of Boston to help shape the future of the neighborhood!

Contact:
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Teresa Polhemus, Executive Director/Secretary

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BEGINNING INTERNET CLASS

Mystified by the net? Don't know how to surf? Help is available on a one on one basis to get you started. Call for an appointment and ask for Alan. Brighton Branch Library/40 Academy Hill Road/ (617) 782-6032 ESL Conversation Groups

Two ESL conversation groups meet at the Brighton Library;: One on Monday evening at 6:15 pm; The other on Tuesday afternoon at 1 pm. Come and practice your language skills in an informal and friendly setting with other new English speakers. Brighton Branch Library/40 Academy Hill Road/(617) 782-6032.

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Children must bring their own brown bagged lunch. For more general program information, call Grace at 617-635-5183. If interested in registering for the program, please email occpreschool1175@gmail.com by January 12th.



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The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. **SU18D1599DR**
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
Libia Acosta Acosta vs. Christian Antonio Patino
Suffolk Probate and Family Court, 24 New Chardon St., Boston, MA 02114
To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown
The Complaint is on file at the Court.
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: **Libia Acosta Acosta, 962 Bennington Street, Apt. 2, Boston, MA 02128** your answer, if any, on or before **01/17/2019**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
November 21, 2018
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate Court
Hyde Park Bulletin, 12/27/18

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. **SU18C0610CA**
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300
In the Matter of: Humphrey Daniel Lena
A change of name has been filed by
Humphrey Daniel Lena of Jamaica Plain, MA
requesting that he court enter a Decree changing their name to:
Humphrey Lena Rodriguez
IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Suffolk Probate and Family Court** before 10:00 a.m on the return day of 01/10/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
Date: December 20,2018
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
Boston Bulletin, 12/27/2018

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION DOCKET No. **SU18P2612EA**
Estate of: Christopher Francis Hughes **Suffolk Probate and Family Court**
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300
Date of Death: 10/21/2018
To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by:
Timothy F. Mulvey of Hyde Park, MA
requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that:
Timothy F. Mulvey of Hyde Park, MA
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised administration.**
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00a.m. on the return day of 01/23/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 12, 2018
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
Hyde Park Bulletin, 12/27/18

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. **SU18P2506PM**
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 §5-405
In the matter of: Carolyn O'Connor RESPONDENT
Of: West Roxbury, MA (Person to be Protected/Minor)
To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by
Stonehedge Rehab and Care Center of West Roxbury, MA
In the above captioned matter alleging that **Carolyn O'Connor** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that
Velma Brinson of Mattapan, MA
(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.
The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that the protective order or appointment of Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed Conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **01/17/2019**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
December 3, 2018
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin, 12/27/18

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION DOCKET No. **SU18P2447EA**
Estate of: Timothy J. O'Sullivan **Suffolk Probate and Family Court**
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300
Date of Death: 10/01/2018
To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by:
Mary A. O'Sullivan of Hyde Park, MA
requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that:
Mary A. O'Sullivan of Hyde Park, MA
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised administration.**
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00a.m. on the return day of 01/21/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 10, 2018
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
Hyde Park Bulletin, 12/27/18

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division Docket No. **SU18P2505GD**
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
In the matter of: Carolyn O'Connor RESPONDENT
Of: West Roxbury, MA Alleged Incapacitated Person
To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Stonehedge Rehab and Care Center of West Roxbury, MA
In the above captioned matter alleging that **Carolyn O'Connor** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that
Velma Brinson of Mattapan, MA
(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.
The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **01/03/2019**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
December 6, 2018
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
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25 Nikisch Avenue	Roslindale	\$829,000	1/5/2018
6 Rawston Road	Roslindale	\$575,000	1/5/2018
10 Orange Street	Roslindale	\$500,000	1/10/2018
27 Nikisch Avenue	Roslindale	\$830,000	1/16/2018
26 Highfield Road	Roslindale	\$360,000	1/16/2018
46-48 Raldne Road	Hyde Park	\$330,000	1/23/2018
70 Cowing Street	West Roxbury	\$625,000	1/26/2018
53 Wren Street	West Roxbury	\$1,195,000	1/26/2018
1560 Commonwealth Avenue	Brighton	\$210,000	2/2/2018
12 Westmount Avenue	West Roxbury	\$920,000	2/14/2018
69 Seymour	Roslindale	\$485,000	2/15/2018
23 Lenniston Street	Roslindale	\$547,000	2/16/2018
33 Bonair	West Roxbury	\$825,000	2/21/2018
13 Winslow Street	Hyde Park	\$367,000	2/28/2018
69 Seymour	Roslindale	\$500,000	2/28/2018
1694 Centre Street	West Roxbury	\$560,000	2/28/2018
78 Hewlett Street #1	Roslindale	\$500,000	3/5/2018
14 Newburg Street	Roslindale	\$834,000	3/5/2018
69 Seymour	Roslindale	\$469,000	3/9/2018
78 Hewlett St #2	Roslindale	\$540,500	3/9/2018
21 Leighton Road	Hyde Park	\$400,000	3/16/2018
259 Willow Street	West Roxbury	\$569,000	3/16/2018
232 Jamaicaaway	Jamaica Plain	\$685,000	3/29/2018
61 Averton Street	Roslindale	\$615,000	3/29/2018
42 Beacon St	Hyde Park	\$545,000	3/30/2018
9 Deforest Street	Hyde Park	\$430,000	3/30/2018
320 Cornell Street	Roslindale	\$775,000	4/4/2018
128 Salman St	West Roxbury	\$540,000	4/18/2018
18 Robert Street	Roslindale	\$541,500	4/20/2018
69 Mount Vernon St	West Roxbury	\$639,000	4/27/2018
180 Telford Street	Allston	\$635,000	4/30/2018
249 Kittredge Street	Roslindale	\$633,000	4/30/2018
316 Park Street	West Roxbury	\$1,175,000	5/1/2018
251 Kittredge Street	Roslindale	\$632,826	5/4/2018
574-576 Lagrange	West Roxbury	\$670,000	5/16/2018
990 VFW Parkway	West Roxbury	\$510,000	5/18/2018
145-147 Chestnut Ave	Jamaica Plain	\$551,000	5/24/2018
109 Deforest	Roslindale	\$405,000	5/24/2018
10 Houston Street	West Roxbury	\$1,350,000	5/24/2018
6 Atherton	Roslindale	\$435,000	5/30/2018
52 Metropolitan Avenue	Roslindale	\$507,500	5/30/2018
69-71 WYVERN STREET	Roslindale	\$715,000	6/5/2018
86 Hastings Street	West Roxbury	\$1,250,000	6/7/2018
14 Ansonia	West Roxbury	\$530,000	6/13/2018
34 Westgate Road	West Roxbury	\$360,000	6/15/2018

STREET	CITY	SALE PRICE	SALE DATE
22 Parkson Street	Hyde Park	\$515,000	6/20/2018
62 Patten Street	Jamaica Plain	\$625,000	6/22/2018
181 Beech Street	Roslindale	\$850,000	6/22/2018
20 Pelton Street	West Roxbury	\$1,395,000	6/22/2018
46 Keith Street	West Roxbury	\$719,000	6/22/2018
19 Houston Street	West Roxbury	\$841,500	6/26/2018
62 Patten Street	Jamaica Plain	\$715,000	6/28/2018
20 Seymour Street	Roslindale	\$430,000	6/28/2018
155 Corey Street	West Roxbury	\$1,235,000	6/28/2018
28 Russett Road	West Roxbury	\$725,000	6/29/2018
8 Meredith	West Roxbury	\$840,000	6/29/2018
108 Woodley Avenue	West Roxbury	\$485,000	6/29/2018
132 Dale Street	Roslindale	\$420,000	7/2/2018
4843 Washington Street	West Roxbury	\$585,000	7/9/2018
5001 Washington Street	Roslindale	\$665,000	7/9/2018
143-171 Hyde Park Avenue	Jamaica Plain	\$745,000	7/20/2018
65 Sunset Hill Road	West Roxbury	\$610,000	7/20/2018
11 Porter Terrace	West Roxbury	\$665,000	7/25/2018
10 Temple Terrace	West Roxbury	\$390,000	7/27/2018
31 Mendelssohn Street	Roslindale	\$410,000	7/31/2018
224 Florence Street	Roslindale	\$550,000	8/7/2018
79 Manthorne Road	West Roxbury	\$830,000	8/23/2018
76 Cornell Street	Roslindale	\$920,000	8/28/2018
42 Como Road	Hyde Park	\$500,000	8/31/2018
15 Durant Street	West Roxbury	\$560,000	9/6/2018
33 Wilmot Street	Roslindale	\$270,000	9/7/2018
90 Cass Street	West Roxbury	\$377,000	9/14/2018
307 West Street	Hyde Park	\$495,000	9/14/2018
345 Belgrade Avenue	Roslindale	\$567,000	9/17/2018
90 Cass Street	West Roxbury	\$388,000	9/19/2018
1561 Centre Street	West Roxbury	\$465,000	9/21/2018
15 Zeller Street	Roslindale	\$760,000	9/21/2018
101 Bellevue Hill Road	West Roxbury	\$756,000	9/26/2018
376 Weld Street	West Roxbury	\$815,000	10/2/2018
41 Congreve Street	Roslindale	\$520,000	10/9/2018
97 Partridge Street	West Roxbury	\$450,000	10/10/2018
1 Dow Road	West Roxbury	\$444,000	10/15/2018
554 Weld Street	West Roxbury	\$560,000	10/16/2018
70 Clement Avenue	West Roxbury	\$850,000	10/18/2018
17 Sanger Street	South Boston	\$1,375,000	10/19/2018
60 Guernsey Street	Roslindale	\$499,000	10/26/2018
14 Arborfield Road	Roslindale	\$392,500	11/14/2018
159 Forest Hills	Jamaica Plain	\$405,000	11/19/2018
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38 Richwood Street	West Roxbury	\$860,000	11/20/2018



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